(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES & PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Corruption Cases Against Officials of Public Sector Undertakings and Government Departments

3185. SHRI HARI KEWAL PRASAD: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of corruption cases registered against the higher officers of Public Sector Undertakings and Government Departments during the last three years, years-wise:

(b) the action taken against them and the outcome thereof: and

(c) the existing procedure for taking action against the officers of Indian Administrative Service and Indian Police Service who are involved in corruption cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) the year-wise break up of corruption cases registered against officers of Group 'A' status of Government Departments and officers of equivalent status of Public Sector Undertakings, during the last three years is as under:—

Year	No. of cases registered
1988	184
1989	177
1990	175

(b) Out of the cases investigated, 58 cases have been sent up for trial: 208 cases have been recommended for departmental action: 43 for such action as may be deemed necessary; 14 cases were otherwise disposed of and 38 cases closed for want of sufficient evidence:

(c) While dealing with the cases of corruption against officers of Indian Administrative Service and Indian Police Service, the procedure laid down in the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 and the All India Services (Discipline and Appeal) Rules, 1969 is followed.

[English]

Scarcity of Indigenous Newsprint

3186. SHRI GOPI NATH GAJAPATHI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is scarcity of indigenous newsprint in the country;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken to make indigenous newsprint available to the small and medium newspapers to meet their requirements?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P. J. KURIEN): (a) and (b) At present, the indigenous production of Newsprint is not adequate to meet the requirement fully. Even though sufficient capacity of newsprint has been sanctioned by way of Industrial Licences/Letters of Indent in addition to the existing installed capacity of 3.3 lakh tonnes, the progress of its implementation in private sector is not satisfactory mainly on account of high capital cost and low profit making.